and Chamoli districts where cooking gas agencies have been provided alongwith the places where the Government plan to provide more cooking gas agencies during 1991-92; and

(b) whether the Government contemplate to provide cooking gas agencies at Block levels to meet the requirements of the consumer in the region?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) Pauri, Srinagar, Lansdowne, Kotdwara, Kolagarh and Gopeshwar. At present no additional LPG distributorship is planned in these Districts during 1991-92.

Restriction on Supply of Petroleum Products in Pauri Garhwal and Chamoli Districts

4681. SHRI BHUVAN CHANDRA KHANDURI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have imposed restrictions on the sale of petroleum products in Pauri Garhwal and Chamoli districts of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to remove the hardships faced by the people of these districts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHAN KUMAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

Cases of Terminal benefits of Railway Employees

4682. SHRI RAJNATH SONKAR SHASTRI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases of terminal benefits due for settlement in the Railways, zone-wise;

(b) since when are these pending;

(c) the reasons for their pendency for such a long time; and

(d) the steps taken to finalise those cases expeditiously?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

[Translation]

Air service for Akola

4683. SHRI PANDURANG PUNDLIK FUNDKAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION & TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether air-service for Akola in Maharashtra has been suspended;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether provisions have been made in the Eighth Five Year Plan for restoration of this service on regular basis by lengthening the air-strip at Akola;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The services have been suspen-

ded for operational and commercial reasons.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) The air-strip at Akola is suitable for Dornier aircraft. The suspension of the services is not due to the inadequacy of length of the air-strip.

Demand for Daily Running of Vidharbha Express

4684. SHRI PANDURANG PUNDLIK FUNDKAR:
SHRI MUKUL WASNIK:
Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a long standing demand to convert Vidharbha Express (Nagpur-Bombay-Nagpur) into a daily train;

(b) if so, the action taken thereon; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) This was examined but not found feasible due to operational and resource constraints.

[English]

Committee on Oil and Petroleum Products prices

4685. SHRI C. P. MUDALAGIRIYAPPA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) when the price of the crude oil and other petroleum products reviewed last;

(b) whether a review committee has been set up to look into this matter; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) The price of indigenous crude oil was revised recently consequent on the increase in royalty rates. The prices of petroleum products were revised with effect from 25-7-1991.

(b) and (c) The Oil Price Review Committee set up in September, 1989 has recently submitted its Report to the Government.

Conversion of Mysore-Chamaraj Nagar Line

4686. SHRI C. P. MUDALAGIRIYAPPA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to convert the metre gauge line into broad gauge between Mysore and Chamaraj Nagar;

(b) whether any allocation has been made during current financial year; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Conversion of Birur-Talguppa Line

4687. SHRI C. P. MUDALAGIRIYAPPA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a demand for the conversion of metre gauge railway line between Birur and Talguppa via Shimoga;